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CPA defends proposals

MEASURES The Calgary Parking Authority's board of directors is defending the proposals put to city council by its general manager Dale Fraser

In a prepared release, the board stated that it directed Fraser to develop revenuegenerating measures which included higher fines, extended hours of service and increased rates at city impound lots.

The CPA board said it approved all of the revenuegenerating measures, and included them in its proposed budget for city council's approval.

The release stated that the City of Calgary receives 65 per cent of parking revenue, and 100 per cent of the revenue from enforce-METRO CALGARY

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Children's Riahts

Today is the 20th anniversary of the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child by the United Nations. Metro is taking an indepth look at children's issues.

 UNICEF officials weigh in, pages 8, 14. Ryan Ross, below, is eight years old — and almost a millionaire, page 8.

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Emrah Bulatci, 25, hung his head and the officer's widow cried as a jury in Yellowknife convicted him Thursday of first-degree murder in the shooting of

Worden was responding

when he was shot four times in a wooded area next to an apartment building.

Worden, who was 30, left his wife, Jodie, and their young daughter Alexis.

Kelly Schofield, 34, mayor

KRISTA SYLVESTER Police are investigating a second case of "disturbing" anti-Semitic displays of vandalism that have been painted around Bylaw had cleaned it up.

southeast Calgary schools.
Police spokesperson Kevin Brookwell confirmed at least a dozen or more separate vandalism tags, including anti-Semitic signs and words targeting the Jewish community, were spray-painted on school

Sundance. "School sucks" and "down with institutions" were also found. "It's very upsetting and disturbing, especially for the Jewish community, because that's twice now thev have

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geted," Brookwell said, adding police don't believe this incident is connected with the vandalism on Sunday.

of the community of rough-

dents were on edge as they

waited to hear the jury's de-

cision. There was nagging

doubt in the minds of some

who hoped Bulatci would

not go free because of some

legal technicality.

3,600, suggested resi-

The new incidents are believed to have happened between 5:30 p.m. Tuesday a.m. Wednesday around Sundance Elementary School and Midsun School. Within one hour of finding the vandalism, city

These attacks were really all over the place. Some of the words were spelled wrong and symbols were backwards," Brookwell said.

He added among the hateful vandalism were swastikas and references to harming Jewish citizens, but he couldn't repeat what exactly was found due to its offensive nature.

Calgary Jewish Centre spokesperson Judy Shapiro wasn't aware of the exact words, but she said she was upset to hear of a second attack against the Jewish community

"I'm horrified and I can't believe that this is happening again. This is really an affront against the whole city," she said.

There is no place for that kind of thing."

Flames Doused by Blackhawks



Chicago Blackhawk Cameron Barker knocks Calgary Flame Daymond Langkow to the ice during first-period NHL hockey action in Calgary Thursday. The Blackhawks beat the Flames 7-1. Story,

Alberta man found guilty in Mountie's death

CRIME The conviction of an Alberta man for the murder of a Mountie has caused relief in a northern community still trying to come to grips with the officer's death and the drug trade that may have contributed

Const. Chris Worden two years ago.

to a call in Hay River, N.W.T., on Oct. 6, 2007,

"Everyone had put their hopes into the verdict being first-degree murder," he said. "There's a sense of relief in the community and now we feel that we can move forward from this and start the healing process." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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H1N1 slowing down in Alberta

Health officials say the second phase of the H1N1 virus is slowing, despite the deaths of two more Albertans infected with the virus. "We have to be a little careful about being too quick," said Dr. Gerry Predy, Alberta Health Services' senior medical officer of health. "But it appears that the second wave is easing." Adults over 65 were cleared for vaccinations Thursday. Children and their families begun receiving the vaccine Friday. METRO CALGARY

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News in brief

SUSPECT Calgary police are looking for a Caucasian male. 30 to 40 years old, five-footeight, 200 pounds, unshaven and wearing a black jacket, blue jeans and a baseball cap after a robbery at the Alberta Treasury Branch in the 300 block of Shawville Blvd. SE around 2 p.m. Thursday. Anyone with info is asked to call, 403-206-8787. METRO CALGARY

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Calgary Police charged two people in connection with a bus and minivan collision last week that sent 36 kids to hospital. None were seriously injured.

driver's attitude. It doesn't matter how many tickets I give out."

Donovan also faces charges of driving left of centre lane and operating a commercial vehicle that had not been inspected under daily trip inspection requirements, though police don't believe there were any mechanical failures.

The collision sent the school bus into a large spruce tree at the side of a home and sent all of the school children to the hos-

Ramsav said the school bus company doesn't face any charges in relation to the incident. First Student Canada didn't return calls for comment

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Blogs Backbeat uses Katy Perry's upcoming judge role on American Idol to launch a rant on how TV talent shows are all talent.

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KRISTA SYLVESTER

do that when you are driving a vehicle," Ramsay said.

Police also charged the 33-

year-old driver of the mini-

van involved in the collision

with driving with a learner's

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"They create laws to pre-

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pant in her vehicle.

Calgary Transit peace officers may have been "set up" after a video of an incident involving an altercation was posted to You Tube, according to an official.

-Calgary Transit head of safety Brian Whitelaw confirmed there was an incident involving two peace officers in an altercation "We're trying to determine if we were set up by a group trying to make a video."

Brian Whitelaw, Calgary Transit

with several men early Monday morning at a downtown platform, but believes they may have been targeted.

"We're trying to determine if we were set up by a group trying to make a video." Whitelaw said.

While transit officials are

reviewing the incident, they said no formal complaints have been filed against the

officers as of yet.
The video, which was significantly edited, shows a local hip-hop artist named Cody (The Catch) Tkach smoking what officials believe to be an illegal sub-

and proached by the officers, an altercation ensued resulting in the officers using physical force.

Tkach and his brother have both been charged by Transit peace officers for assault and resisting a peace officer.

The Calgary police service said they are not involved with the investigation, although they were called to m.metrenews.ca



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Baring all for Mission

Senior models stars of fundraising calendar

CHRIS KELLY for Metro Calgary

It wasn't until her seventh decade of life that Joyce Young decided to pose for topless pictures.

Young was one of 26 residents of Fountains of Mission who posed for the retirement residence's 2010 music-themed calendar, which features models as old as 100 years taking off their tops for charity.

"I'm January!" exclaimed Young as the calendar was revealed on Nov. 19. She proudly pointed to the photograph of her, impishly cradling a stand-up bass next to a piano being played by another topless resident, Lois O'Connor.

Young and O'Connor, collectively making up Ms. January, were both first time models in the fourth calendar issued by Fountains of Mission.

"It was a marvellous experience and for such a good cause," said O'Connor, who had been at the retirement residence for only a month before she was persuaded by other residents to bare all.

"We had so many residents wanting to do it that we had to make the calendar 18 months just to fit them all in," said Patty Mc-



Calendar girl Beth Hobkirk holds up the new Mission Calendar girls calendar. The group has released a calendar for the last four years to help raise money for the Mustard Seed. Hobkirk is the oldest model at 100 years old.

"The kids ... walked in and saw our ladies and their jaws just hit the floor."

Patty McGathorn, Fountains of Mission

Gathorn, marketing manager for Fountains of Mission

McGathorn fondly recalls watching the residents poising with instruments in Western Canada High School's band room.

gn School's band room. "The kids were dropping off their instruments for summer and they walked in and saw our ladies and their jaws just hit the floor."

Proceeds from the sales of the \$13 calendar will go to The Mustard Seed Street Ministry.

Fare hikes got the OK last year: Calgary Transit

KRISTA SYLVESTER krista.sylvester@metronews.ca

Transit users are buzzing about transit fare increases in the new year but Calgary Transit said the increase is old news.

Calgary Transit spokesperson Ron Collins said the 2010 fare increases were approved by city council last year and thinks the current buzz may have stemmed from ongoing council budget adjustments.

"We got new machines and we were going to print verbiage on the fare increase but we're waiting until council finishes their deliberations on the budget adjustments," Collins added. There will also be a service cut of 21,500 hours from "low ridership" buses

A single adult fare is going from \$2.50 to \$2.75, an adult monthly pass from \$52.50 to \$54.25, a book of 10 adult tickets from \$23 to \$24 and an adult day pass from \$7.50 to \$8.25. Youth fares remain the

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Changes made to electrical statutes act

Amendments have made to the controversial Bill 50 — the Electrical Statutes Amendment Act, 2009 — including forcing the Alberta Utilities Commission to consider the public interest in infrastructure projects, and ensuring the infrastructure projects will be built over time in order to defer \$2 billion in expenditures. METRO CALGARY

Schools suggest tuition cap lift

The current postsecondary tuition cap could be lifted if schools propose necessary tuition

Donna McColl of Alberta Advanced Education said several schools suggested to Alberta Educational Minister Dave Hancock that the government consider raising the current cap.

"The issue of even raising the tuition cap is just a ru-mour and the minister won't even consider it until proper procedure occurs,'

McColl said. Colleen Turner, vice-president of external relations at the University of Calgary, said a series of meetings with the university's student union and grad union must take place. along with collaboration from the province.

"When we decide to move forward with the tuition consultation meetings it could take weeks, but we should have recommendations in the new year," Turner said.

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Site created to help child abuse victims testify in court

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A new government-funded website designed to help prepare abused children to testify in court was launched by the province yesterday.

The Child Witness Court Preparation site is now available to children all over the world and provides an interactive and helpful way to assist children in preparing to face their abusers in court, according to a former social worker.

"We really wanted to be able to provide this service for free and to anyone who wants to use it and I think we accomplished that with this website, Lynn Barry, founder of the Canadian Society for the Investigation of Child Abuse said.

The website helps gives tips to children on how to stay calm while in the courtroom and also has a virtual tour of the courtroom.

"Testifying can be scary enough for adults and it's a lot more terrifying for children. The last thing we want to do is retraumatize the children so this way we help prepare them.'

News in brief

CHAMBER In a submission Thursday to city council, the Calgary Chamber of Commerce urged city aldermen to focus on equitable taxation, fiscal management and transparency to reduce the burden on businesses and residents. "Tax on businesses accounts for 58 per cent of municipal tax revenue. Calgarians are still paying these taxes because they are passed on through higher prices," said Geoff Pradella of the Chamber.

HEALTH Forty-three Albertans were summoned to three Alberta Health Services advisory councils expected to meet in the new year, the AHS said yesterday. METRO CALGARY Welcome to convenient "no frills" warehouse shopping

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Expand abuse treatment: Watchdog

Canada should take a page from the Americans and expand its network of kid-friendly, one-stop shops for treating sexually abused children, says the federal watchdog for crime victims. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Asthma a risk factor: Research

Researchers at Toronto's Hospital for Sick Children say asthma appears to be a significant risk factor for severe cases of disease in kids who get the pandemic flu virus, compared to seasonal flu. Their new study — the second largest to date on the subject — was published online Thursday by the Canadian Medical Association Journal.

Tiny 'Trump' is mini-mogul

Children'sRights

ELISABETH BRAW Metro World News

When Ryan Ross was three years old, he started a chicken-and-egg business in his backyard. Today the eight-year-old is on his fourth company — and has already earned close to a million dollars.

"I had 60 chickens and sold a dozen eggs for three dollars," recalls Ryan, who lives near Toronto. "I made \$15 a day."

When he tired of selling eggs, Ryan launched his next venture: A lawnmowing business. Ryan charged customers \$20 per

hour, but because he was too young to operate a lawnmower, he hired older kids to do the work — for \$15 dollars an hour.

"He made \$5 per hour for doing nothing," says his mother, Savannah Ross.

"It was the same thing with his next company, a power-washing business. We supplied the power-washer; he charged the customer \$200 and paid a person \$100 to do the work. And they're all his ideas. My hushand and I are adamant that Ryan has to understand everything he's doing. If I do it for him, it's my company."

All along, Ryan has been investing his profit in real estate.

Today he owns six buildings in Ontario and British

Columbia; his personal net worth is \$900,000.

Ryan has also bought a hockey rink and basketball court for his family, and some 4,000 books for himself.

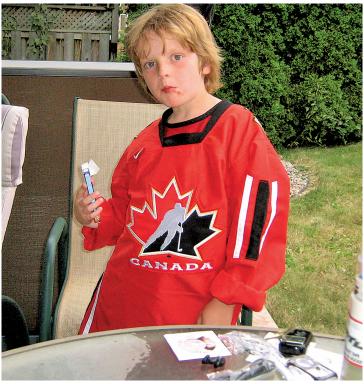
But no cellphone: his parents won't allow it.

"His friends in school don't believe he's a businessman," says Savannah. "They think it's baloney."

But Tiny-Trump's ambitions go beyond real estate. "I want to buy two National Hockey League teams," Ryan tells Metro.

"That way I can play in the NHL."





Eight-year-old Ryan Ross has launched four companies and has made close to \$1 million.

Celebrating 20 years of commitment to children's rights



Nigel Fisher

n Nov. 20, 1989, global leaders made a commitment to the world's chil-

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privilege of a few. It was the right of each and every child

Today marks the Convention's 20th anniversary.

It is a day for all of us—citizens, parents, advocates, national politicians, global

leaders and children themselves — to take stock of how societies are delivering on that commitment.

UNICEF's experience suggests the results at best are mixed.

The Convention has led to improvement in the lives of countless millions of children around the world.

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are reached with vaccines and health care, and hundreds of thousands more children go to school everyday in even the most poor and remote communities. The majority of children live in countries where new laws protect them from abuse, trafficking and other forms of exploitation.

But there is much more to be done.

Too many children still do not benefit from early child development, education, and health care. For many, childhood still means long hours of tedious and often dangerous work, rather than hours of play.

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Woman claims benefits cut due to Facebook photos

A Quebec woman on long-term sick leave is fighting to have her benefits reinstated after her employer's insurance company cut them, she says, because of photos of a beach vacation posted on Facebook, CBC News Online reports. Nathalie Blanchard has been off work since she was diagnosed with major depression. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Detainee lessons learned: General

Canada's military task force in Afghanistan learned its lesson several years ago when allegations first surfaced that detainees were being tortured at the hands of local intelligence authorities, the mission's newly appointed commander said Thursday.

Brig.-Gen. Daniel Menard said Canadian forces responded approprigations first surfaced by implementing more rigorous handover procedures and new safeguards to ensure prisoners could be monitored more effectively once in Afghan custody.

"We have certainly learned our lessons, Menard said after a change of command ceremony at Kandahar Airfield, where he took over the task force

from outgoing commander Brig.-Gen. Jonathan Vance.

"One thing that has been done right from the beginning is that every time that we have heard about anything to do with torture or something that was similar to this, some actions were taken by this task force in order to correct this.

His comments came a

dropped a political bomb-shell on Parliament, alleging that suspects handed over by Canada to Afghan authorities were tortured and that the government was at best indifferent and at worst tried to cover it

up.
The stunning revelation was delivered by Richard Colvin, an intelligence officer based in Washington,

Afghanistan in the No. 2 diplomatic post.

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government is dismissing calls for a public inquiry into bruising allegations by a federal official that the military handed over Afghan prisoners to face torture

Defence Minister Peter MacKay told a raucous House of Commons on Thursday that there's no evidence to support the allegations by Richard Colvin, even going so far as to describe the intelligence officer as "a suspect source?

Colvin told a Commons committee a day earlier that prisoners were turned over to Afghanistan's notorious intelligence service by the Canadian military in 2006-07 despite warnings that they would be tortured. He also suggested the federal government may have tried to cover up

what was happening.
All three opposition parties attacked the Conservatives and demanded an inquiry, but the Tories were unmoved.

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ANIMALS Health Canada is warning veterinarians and pet owners about possible problems with Caninsulin, a drug used to treat diabetes in dogs and

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WEALTH The wealthy Thomson family remains number one on the latest Cana-

dian Business magazine list of the 100 richest Canadians.

The Thomson clan, which controls the Thomson Reuters news and specialized data company, has amassed roughly \$21.99 billion, up 19 Galen per cent over last Weston vear.

Most of that is in the stock value of the company the family controls as well as its investments in other firms, including a large stake in CTVglobemedia, owner of the CTV network and the Globe and Mail newspa-

> per. But that growth is nothing compared with Ivanhoe Mines Ltd. ex-

ecutive chairman Robert Jim Friedland. Balsillie

The maga-zine says his worth rose 217 per cent to \$1.59 billion and he jumped 61 spots to number 32 on the list.

The No. 2 spot on the Canadian Business list is occupied by Irving Oil owners James

Arthur and John Irving at \$7.28 billion. Galen Weston, owner of Cos. Loblaw Ltd Canada's largest supermarket chain, Robert

is third with Friedland \$6.47 billion,

followed by Vancouver businessman Jimmy Pattison at \$5.07 billion. Pattison's private companies range from advertising



forestry.

rounds out the Top 5 at \$4.7 billion. Research in Motion Ltd., co-CEOs Mike Lazaridis and Jim Balsillie rank

No. 9 and No. 16, respectively, with net worths of \$2.9 billion and \$2.67 bil-

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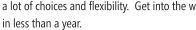
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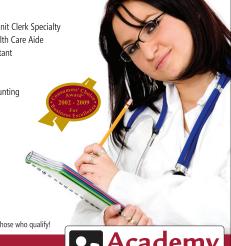
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Bringing the laughs to Toronto Albert Nerenberg, the producer-director behind the documentary "Laughology" is laying the groundwork to bring the World Laughter Games to Toronto next summer. Nerenberg got the idea for the Laughter Games when he was making "Laughology," which looks at why and how people laugh. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Health-care bill to top \$183B: Report

Canada's total health-care bill this year is predicted to reach \$183 billion — or almost \$5,500 for each man, woman and child in the country, says a report released Thursday.

The report by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) forecasts that spending will rise by \$9.5 billion over last year's tally, a jump of 2.5 per cent after adjustment for inflation and population growth.

That translates into a year-over-year increase of \$241 per Čanadian, says the report by CIHI, which has been tracking health spending since 1975.

It bounced up and down a little bit from year to year, but it's roughly in line with what we've seen over the last five, six years," CIHI's Chris Kuchciak said of the spending growth rate.

"I guess what we're seeing in our numbers is a reflection that going back over the last 10 years, Canadians have said health care is a high priority," Kuchciak,

Bigger chunk of Canada's GDP

• Increased spending on what arguably is Canadians' most cherished social program occurred despite the economic downturn, leading to health care in 2009 claiming a larger chunk of the economy - 11.9 per cent of Canada's gross domestic product (GDP) compared to 10.8 per cent in 2008.

manager of health expenditures, said from Ottawa. "We've seen government and policy makers looking to address those needs, so as a result we've seen investments and spending in the health-care sector."

"Relative to the size of our economy, health care is taking up a larger share of our economic output, or economic income," he said. "People still get sick whether there's a recession on or not."

Hospitals continue to account for the biggest piece of the health-care spending pie, although their share of expenditures has steadily declined over the past three decades. In 2009, hospitals are expected to claim 27.8 per cent (\$51 billion) of total health spending, down from 44.7 per cent in 1975.

That dramatic drop has been partly a result of changes in treatment, said Kuchciak. For example, some medical conditions that could once only be treated in hospital can now be managed at home with medication, eliminating the need for expensive hospital beds and related care.

The payout on drugs both prescription and over-the-counter _ is again pre-dicted to make up the second-largest slice, accounting for an estimated 16.4 per cent (\$30 billion) of the total.

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Officials ask to hold back vaccine batch

Flu Outbreak

REACTION Health officials across Canada are being asked to hold back a batch of swine flu vaccine that appears to be causing higher rates of severe allergic reactions.

The vaccine's manufacturer, GlaxoSmithKline, is asking governments to stop using vaccine doses from one particular lot shipment issued in late October.

The company says it's a cautionary move, pending an investigation.

Manitoba health officials say they have noticed severe allergic reactions from the batch in question at a rate of one in 20,000.

That's much higher than the normal rate of one in 100,000.

The Alberta government is also holding back the same batch of vaccine, although it says it has not seen a jump in allergic reactions.

Manitoba's chief medical officer, Doctor Joel Kettner, says he wants to assure people the risk of any adverse effects from the vaccine is very low.

Health officials say the batch being investigated is fairly small, so it should not have an impact on the overall supply.

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Deal for Olympic cruise ships dead

HOTEL ROOMS A multimillion-dollar deal that could have added thousands of beds for spectators at the 2010 Winter Games has collapsed but questions remain as to whether those beds were even nec-

DEAP Group has been working for three years to put as many as seven cruise ships around the Lower Mainland to house fans and sponsors for the Games, but the company closed its doors this week, according to a letter obtained by The Canadian Press.

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News in brief

REPRIMAND Conservatives received a slap on the wrist Thursday for misrepresenting an opponent in one of many ultra-partisan flyers the party's MPs have been mailing — at taxpayers' expense — across the country. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Informant can stay secret: Court

One of Canada's more complex criminal cases may have moved forward a notch Thursday, after a Supreme Court of Canada ruling that will bar defence lawyers from a judicial hearing that could reveal the identity of a secret informant.

The high court overturned a lower court decision, and upheld the law

Case background

• Bobby Virk and Dave Basi were arrested in 2003 on allegations they leaked information to a rival bidder in ex-

giving the Crown the right to shield the identity of confidential police informants from the defence in the corruption trial stemming change for money and gifts. They're charged with fraud, breach of trust and accepting a benefit.

from the raid on the B.C. legislature almost six years ago.

The case has been mired in pre-trial disclosure hear-

ings, with more than 100,000 documents disclosed, and no trial date has even been set.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Anne MacKenzie, who inherited the case from the original trial judge earlier this year, is set to hear defence arguments about abuse of process over the case's glacial pace that could result in the charges

being tossed out altogether.
The issue of informant confidentiality became a two-year stumbling block in the high-profile trial of two former B.C. cabinet aides and a former government communications officer charged in relation to the \$1-billion sale of Crownowned BC Rail to CN Rail in 2003.

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Man dies after spending last eight months of life in one chair

An obese South Carolina man stayed in his recliner without moving for eight months until shortly before his death. Firefighters had to cut Tillmon Webb, 33, from the chair. Police say the man weighed about 800 pounds when he died Wednesday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Lebanese star under fire for racist lyric

A Lebanese pop singer, who normally stirs controversy for seductive dresses and provocative dancing, has been accused of singing a song with racist lyrics that compares black Egyptians to monkeys. Haifa Wehbe, left, has the minority Nubian community in Egypt distraught over her children's album Baby Haifa and the community's activists have launched several lawsuits over the lyrics. The Nubians took issue with a verse in the song Where is Daddy? in which Wehbe croons: "Where is my teddy bear and my Nubian monkey?" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Put rights to practice: Advocate

Children'sRights

Is the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child worth the paper it's printed on?

On its 20th anniversary, the unspeakably tragic lives of so many children in the world force the question.

Signed on Nov. 20, 1989, the agreement spelled out the basic human rights of those under age 18: The right to survival, full development, non-discrimination and protection from abuse and exploitation.

It's been ratified by 193 nations, including Canada, but not the U.S. — a fact President Barack Obama has called "embarrassing" (it's now under review). Two subsequent amendments restrict the use of under-18s in armed conflict and ban the sale of children, child prostitution and pornography.

On paper, the convention
— in fact, the very idea that



Three-year-old Marina, middle, plays with children in the back of a garbage truck in Muqattam Hills, where many garbage collectors live and work, on the outskirts of Cairo, Egypt.

children have rights of their own — was a profound advance in international human values. On paper, the

world cares deeply about its

children.
But in reality?

"It's the most ratified, least implemented convention ever," says Kathy Vandergrift, chair of the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children.

In 1989, when optimism was in the political air, the agreement was seen as visionary. Who could object? Nations rushed to sign on.

But the global context has changed, says Vandergrift: "Now we have to move from idealism to using it as a practical tool for change."

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Outstanding achievements



The Convention on the Rights of the Child is a universal standard for building a better world — a world in which the best interests of children are a primary concern of all. On Nov. 20 the global community commemorates the 20th anniversary of the Convention, the most widely ratified international human rights treaty in history.

One of the most outstanding achievements in child survival and development has been the reduction in the annual number of under-five deaths, from 12.5 million in 1990 to less than nine million in 2008.

Fewer child deaths have resulted from the immense efforts of national govern-



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ments and the international health community to prevent and control diseases, enhance food and nutrition security, and provide comprehensive, integrated services. The challenge for the next 20 years is to build on the progress the Convention has already achieved, working together to reach those children who are still being denied their rights to survival, development, protection and participation.

Ann Veneman is the Executive Director of UNICEF. To learn more about UNICEF go to unicef.org.

Canada's shortcomings

• Twenty years after the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, 12.5 per cent of Canada's youngsters live in poverty and 120,000 are in the welfare system or in custody, the highest number per capita of all industrialized nations.

says Kathy Vandergrift, chair of the Canadian Coalition for the Rights of Children "People think this is all about Africa and Asia. But unless a country like Canada takes the convention seriously there is no momentum elsewhere."



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People killed for their fat

Peruvian trio confess to slaughtering humans, selling body fat

A gang in the remote Peruvian jungle has been killing people for their fat, police charged Thursday, draining it from their corpses and offering it on the black market for use in cosmetics. Medical experts expressed skepticism that a major market for fat might exist.

Three suspects have confessed to killing five people for their fat, said Col. Jorge Mejia, chief of Peru's anti-kidnapping police. He said the suspects, two of whom were arrested carrying bottles of liquid fat, told police it was worth \$15,000 a litre.

Mejia said the suspects

A fat black market?

 Medical experts expressed doubt about an international black market for human fat, though it does have cosmetic applications. Yale University dermatology Prof. Dr. Lisa

told police the fat was sold to intermediaries in Lima, the Peruvian capital.

While police suspect the fat was sold to cosmetic companies in Europe, he could not confirm any sales.

At a news conference, police showed reporters two bottles of fat recovered from the suspects and a photo of the rotting head

Donofrio speculated that a small market may exist for "human fat extracts" to keep skin supple, though scientifically such treatments are "oure balonew."

of a 27-year-old male victim. Suspect Elmer Segundo Castillejos, 29, led police to the head, recovered in a coca-growing valley last month, Mejia said.

Mejia said Castillejos confessed that the gang would cut off its victims' heads, arms and legs, remove the organs, then suspend the torsos from hooks above candles that warmed the flesh as the fat dripped into tubs below.

Six members of the gang remain at large, Mejia said, adding that in addition to the five killings the suspects confessed to, the gang may be involved in dozens more.

Castillejos told police that the band's fugitive leader, 56-year-old Hilario Cudena, has been killing to extract fat from victims for more than three decades.

At least 60 people are listed as missing in Huanu-co province, where the gang allegedly operated, this year alone, though the province is also home to drug-trafficking leftist rebels. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Afghanistan Sworn in



Afghan President Hamid Karzai greets guards Thursday before for his inauguration in Kabul. After being sworn in to a second five-year term, Karzai said his government was doing whatever it could to implement reforms.

California Trying not to take it lying down



Students lay down to symbolize the "Death of Public Education" Thursday as they protest outside where University of California regents voted on a 32 per cent student fee increase.

No more Santa letters to North Pole

ALASKA Starry-eyed American children writing letters to the jolly man at the North Pole this holiday season likely won't get a response from Santa Claus or his helpers.

The U.S. Postal Service is dropping a popular national program begun in 1954 in the small Alaska town of North Pole, where volunteers open and respond to thousands of letters addressed to Santa each year. Replies came with North

"It's Grinchlike that the Postal Service never informed all the little elves before the fact."

North Pole, Alaska, Mayor Doug Isaacson

Pole postmarks. Many in North Pole are incensed by the change, which they didn't see coming

n't see coming. "It's Grinchlike that the Postal Service never informed all the little elves before the fact," said Mayor Doug Isaacson.

Last year, a postal worker in Maryland recognized an Operation Santa volunteer there as a registered sex of fender. The postal worker interceded before the individual could answer a child's letter but the Postal Service viewed the episode as a big enough scare to tighten rules in such programs.

News in brief

PAKISTAN A blast late Thursday killed two police officers a day after a suicide bomber killed 19 people outside a courthouse in northwestern Pakistan, the latest attacks in an onslaught by Islamist militants retaliating against an army offensive near the Afghan border. The bombings brought to eight the number of militant attacks in less than two weeks in and around the city of Peshawar.

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Model found dead in Paris

Model Daul Kim was found dead in Paris Thursday morning. The cause of death remains unknown, but a source says the 20-year-old committed suicide. METRO NEWS SERVICES

UN lobbied to ban blasphemy

Algeria, Pakistan take lead

Four years after cartoons of the prophet Muhammad set off violent protests across the Muslim world, Islamic nations are mounting a campaign for an international treaty to protect religious symbols and beliefs from mockery — essentially a ban on blasphemy.

Documents obtained by The Associated Press show that Algeria and Pakistan have taken the lead in lobbying to eventually bring the proposal to a vote in the UN General Assembly. If ratified in countries

If ratified in countries that enshrine freedom of expression as a fundamental right, such a treaty would require them to limit free speech if it risks seriously offending religious believers. The process will take years and no showdown is imminent.

Experts say the bid stands some chance of success if Muslim countries persist. And whatever the

Background

 A Danish newspaper, four years ago, published cartoons lampooning the prophet Muhammad prompting angry mobs to attack Western embassies in Muslim countries, including Lebanon, Iran and Indonesia.
 In a countermovement,

outcome, the campaign risks reigniting tensions between Muslims and the West, reviving fears of a "clash of civilizations."

papers reprinted the images.

several European news-

If the treaty was approved, any of the UN's 192 member states that ratified it would be bound by its provisions. Other countries could face criticism for refusing to join. The United States has declared it won't accept international treaties that restrict it's First Amendment right to free speech.

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National Geographic explorer-in-residence Paul Sereno, enveloped by the jaws of SuperCroc, holds the fossil head of DogCroc. DogCroc, along with four other newly described crocs, lived in the Sahara when the eight-ton SuperCroc did, at a time when dinosaurs ruled.

Giant crocs with tusks roamed Africa

FOSSILS A six-metre-long crocodile with three sets of fangs — like wild boar tusks — roamed parts of northern Africa millions of years ago, researchers report Thursday.

While this fearsome creature hunted meat, not far away another newly found type of croc with a

wide, flat snout like a pancake was fishing for food. And a smaller, threefoot-long relative with buckteeth was chomping

same region.

The three new species, along with new examples of two previously known ancient crocodiles, were

plants and grubs in the

detailed Thursday by researchers Paul Sereno of the University of Chicago and Hans Larsson of McGill University in Montreal. They were speaking at a news conference organized by the National Geographic Society, which sponsored the research.

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English al-Qaida sites popping up

INTERNET Increasing numbers of English-language websites are spreading al-Oaida's message to Muslims in the West. They translate writings and ser mons once largely out of reach of English readers and often feature charismatic clerics like Anwar al-Awlaki, who exchanged dozens of emails with the U.S. army psychiatrist accused of the shootings at the Fort Hood military base in Texas. The U.S.-born al-Awlaki has been an inspiration to several militants arrested in Canada — the Toronto 18 — and the United States, with his web-based sermons often turning up on their computers.

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News in brief

GLITCH Officials say flights were delayed across the U.S. Thursday when a piece of communications equipment in Salt Lake City failed. The failure prevented air traffic control computers in different regions of the country from talking to each other.

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The daughter of U.S. Sen. John Kerry was arrested Thursday in Hollywood for allegedly driving drunk, police said. Alexandra Kerry, 36, was stopped by officers just after midnight and booked at the Hollywood police station for investigation of driving under the influence. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Health bill's future in Senate murky

Top Obama promise could face Republican block in Saturday vote

After months of haggling, the U.S. Senate finally has a health-care bill ready for action, but there still is no guarantee the Democratdrafted proposal — U.S. President Barack Obama's top domestic agenda item — will be debated in the upper chamber, let alone reach a vote.

The Senate hopes to decide on Saturday whether to move the bill to the floor for debate. The House of Representatives, mean-

while, has already passed its version of reform, leaving forward movement on overhauling the system in the hands of the Senate.

Failure to guide the measure to passage would represent a crippling, if not fatal, blow to a pillar of the basket of domestic reforms Obama promised in his presidential campaign.

While Democrats hold a significant majority in the Senate, its rules allow Republicans to block action \$849B

The health care plan is expected to cost the U.S. government \$849 billion US.

through a delaying tactic known as a filibuster. To end a filibuster, the Democrats must assemble 60 votes

Currently, they hold 58 seats in the 100-seat upper chamber. Two independ-

ent members typically vote with the Democrats.

But the two independent votes are not assured, nor are those of three conservative Democrats representing states that normally vote Republican.

Majority Leader Harry Reid unveiled the longawaited legislation Wednesday night to extend coverage to 30 million more Americans and force insurance companies to sell policies to all who want to buy them.

Currently, the insurance industry regularly refuses coverage to people who already have a medical condition.

Obama and Democrats hailed the 10-year, \$849-billion measure that would remake the U.S. health-care system, relying on cuts in future Medicare spending to cover costs, as well as on higher payroll taxes for the well-off.

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Oprah to end TV run in 2011: Production firm

TV The Oprah Winfrey Show, an iconic broadcast that grew over two decades into a daytime television powerhouse, will end its run in 2011 after 25 seasons



Winfrey

on the air, Winfrey plans to announce the final date for her show during a live broadcast Friday,

Harpo Productions Inc. said, bringing an end to what has been television's top-rated talk show for more than two decades, airing in 145 countries worldwide and watched by an estimated 42 million viewers a week in the U.S. alone

Winfrey is widely expected to start up a new talk show on OWN: The Oprah Winfrey Network, a much-delayed joint venture with Discovery Communications Inc. that is expected to debut in 2011. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Pentagon probing policies on volatile military members

SCRUTINY The Pentagon said Thursday it will scour its procedures for identifying volatile U.S. military service members hidden in the ranks following the Fort Hood shooting rampage and lapses that might allow others to slip through bureaucratic cracks.

"It is prudent to determine immediately whether there are internal weaknesses or procedural shortcomings in the department that could make us vulnerable in the future," Defence Secretary Robert Gates said.

A 45-day emergency investigation will examine personnel, medical, mental health, discharge and other policies in all corners of the vast Defence Department. It will also look at ways to improve

"The shootings ... raise a number of troubling questions that demand complete but prompt answers."

U.S. Defence Secretary Robert Gates

security and emergency response at Defence Department facilities.

"The shootings at Fort Hood raise a number of troubling questions that demand complete but prompt answers," Gates told a Pentagon news conference.

A longer, second review lasting about six months will look at what Gates called "systemic institutional shortcomings."

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London A legendary King



An auction house worker holds the model of King Kong yesterday, which was featured in the original 1933 epic film, ahead of its auction, in central London. The unique relic was used to allow the animated ape to scale the dizzying heights of the Empire State Building in the film's final scenes. Led by King Kong, Christie's Pop Culture: Vintage Film Posters and Film Memorabilia sale on Nov. 24 will feature 290 vintage film posters, and more than 160 items of film memorabilia.

News in brief

MYANMAR A key United
Nations committee is strongly
condemning human rights violations in Myanmar and urging
the government to release all
political prisoners including
Aung San Suu Kyi. The General
Assembly human rights committee approved a resolution
Thursday criticizing the Asian
nation's rights record by a vote
of 92-26 with 65 abstentions.

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Celebrating the sexual revolution



ake a V with your fingers. There's party Friday to celebrate Revolution 69.

That's the year Canada decriminalized birth conand homosexuality, and the Calgary Sexual

Health Centre is marking 40 years of sexual liberation.

Peek into the Crescent Heights community centre to see flared pants, crocheted vests and hear '60s music.

So, sexually speaking, where are we at now? Teen pregnancy rates are down. Birth control is available. The flip side? Sexually-transmitted diseases are persistent. Syphilis, for instance, has made a jaunty resurgence in Alberta. When public health experts tried to trace it, many afflicted couldn't even name their partners.

They were that drunk and/or high. The reason for this, says Calgary Sexual Health Centre's Pam Krause, is an easy way into

"It's a bit of a trap. You don't feel comfortable having a conversation about sex so you have a few drinks, some drugs." One answer is sex ed. The non-squirming kind. The Centre's "Head Heart and Genitals" program gets teens to ask:

Have we discussed and agreed to sex?

Does this feel right? Are we protected from pregnancy and STDs?

Do I like what's happen-

The session is anchored with the idea that either partner can change their mind.

The Calgary Sexual Health Centre is a United Way agency that also receives financing through the City of Calgary. It has a budget of \$1 million and 11 staff. It is known for pregnancy counselling, but is also reaching out to male youth.

Financed by an anony-

mous donor, the centre joined with U of C to study male teens. They found they aren't about to sit around a circle and talk about "feelings." Nor are they going to stroll by and pick up some brochures. Consider, too, male youths often get their sex information from pornography and don't want to use condoms if they will look awkward. So the centre has a hired a male counsellor beginning in January to reach this

group.

For the single 20s and 30s crowd, there are podcasts on the way with sex information.

Some of your tax money goes to all of this. Maybe it means one less unintended pregnancy, one gay teen who can "come out" without crisis, one more person who remembers the name of the person they had sex with.

The state, despite what Pierre Trudeau once famously disputed, might have a small place in our bedroom, after all.

Janice Paskey teaches at Mount Royal University and is a volunteer with Westwood Hockey.

Word on the street: Finish this sentence: If I ruled the world, I would ...

Luka Laughlin Vlahov

age 11, Calgary

A: I would have the big business sup-port more funding, help the homeless and unite all the

Jocelyn Donnelly age 11, Calgary

A: I would build a place where there was endless life and dreams came true.

Cameron **Lewis** age 8,

Dartmouth, N.S.

A: I would make everyone hop on one foot for the rest

of their lives.

Hannah Heise

Edmonton

A: I would shop for clothes. I would care for the people in Haiti. I would pay for them and I would give them some of my almy al-

Timkin Yim

age 9, Toronto

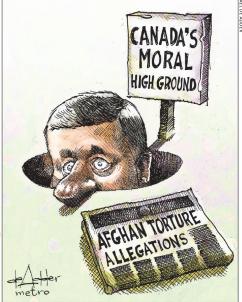
A: I would be a billionaire ... I would spend it on those billionaire houses and those billion aire cars ... And I would have someone to serve me.

Vivian Greene age 4,

Vancouver

A: I would be a queen if I ruled the world, in a castle. and I would shoot the bad guys.





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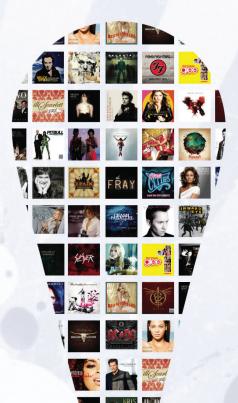


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Avaya gets clearance for Nortel acquisition

Telecommunications company Avaya Inc. announced Thursday that it has received clearance from the European Commission for its proposed acquisition of Nortel's enterprise solutions business. Nortel announced the \$900-million deal with New Jersey-based Avaya in September. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Shops plan discounts to lure consumers

Canadian retailers are getting ready for the holiday season with rock-bottom prices and major promotional campaigns in hopes that shoppers will open their wallets and seize the opportunity to save.

U.S.-based retailing giant Wal-Mart has unveiled a campaign centred around lower prices, particularly on bigger ticket items.

The price cuts come at a time when Canadians are not exactly in a mood to part with their cash — a recent consumer confidence study from research firm TNS suggests an increasing number are planning to put off major purchases.

Those weaker expecta-

"We know this has been a tough year for Canadians, so we have made every effort to drop our prices ... this holiday season."

David Cheesewright, Wal-Mart

tions have persisted throughout the industry in recent months, with many retailers complaining that sales have remained stagnant since the startup of holiday shopping weeks ago. Wal-Mart says it will cut

Wal-Mart says it will cut the prices of more than 18,000 items this month, which it says amounts to 20 per cent more cuts than at the same time last year.

"We know this has been a tough year for Canadians, so we have made every effort to drop our prices and help Canadians make their dollars go farther this holiday season," said David Cheesewright, the president and CEO of the retail

giant's Canadian operations. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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POWER Enbridge Inc. and Renewable Energy Systems Canada Inc. announced Thursday a partnership to develop a wind energy project in Ontario which would create 300 construction jobs. The project will deliver energy to the Ontario Power Authority for 20 years.

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Minister to 'level the playing field' for plastic

Finance Minister Jim Flaherty is proposing a code of conduct for credit- and debit-card companies that he says will "level the playing field" for consumers and small businesses alike — but not before the Christmas shopping season

The code, intended to promote fair business practices and ensure merchants and consumers clearly understand the costs and benefits of credit and debit cards, won't be finalized before early next year.

It aims to provide merchants with more pricing flexibility so consumers can choose the best payment option, Flaherty said, and would allow merchants to choose payment options. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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AOL offers 2,500 buyouts to staff

cuts AOL LLC, an Internet company struggling to adapt to an advertising-driven economy, is looking to shed more than a third of its work force as it prepares to spin off from Time Warner Inc. next month.

Major job cuts had been expected, but the magni-

tude hadn't been known until Thursday. AOL, which now employs 6,900 workers, is asking for 2,500 volunteers to accept buyouts and plans to resort to layoffs if it does not get enough people.

AOL hopes to trim annual costs by about \$300 million.

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Sports



Ireland demands replay of game

Ireland appealed to France and football authorities Thursday to replay their World for Wednesday's 1-1 tie in France to be replayed, although Ireland coach Giovanni Trapattoni, left, dismissed the prospect as "impossible." The ASSOCIATED PRI

Falling back in love with skating



The greatest outcome of the TV hit Battle of the Blades is that we Canadians have fallen in love with figure skating again.

Sure, there was the original fascination with hockey gods in sparkling outfits, dancing daintily without pads. Maybe we shared a secret hope for an untimely pratfall. At the outset we were a bit like voyeurs waiting for the proverbial train wreck to happen. It never did.

Instead we rediscovered a deep affection for something that was always there — and that something is the majestic athleticism of figure skating. So while Claude Lemieux, Craig Simpson and the rest of our hockey heroes became the focus of national attention for a moment, they were in fact our guides back to a wondrous sport that is so intrinsically Ĉanadian.

When, in the grand finale, four-time world champion Kurt Browning gyrated around Maple Leaf Gardens ice, the clock went back to the glory days when he was king. The same was true of the poignant reunion of

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Barb Underhill and Paul Martini, who once reigned over global pairs skating. Meanwhile, Marie-France Dubreuil and Patrice Lauzon showed us the true magic of dancing on a frozen pond.

The current generation of stars is anxiously entering its most competitive stage on the way to the home Olympics in Vancouver. It's a safe bet figure skating will claim much of the spotlight come February.

In Kitchener this weekend at Skate Canada, the final Grand Prix of the season. Patrick Chan, Joannie Rochette, Jessica Dube and Bryce Davison in the pairs, and ice dancers Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir take the stage to form the strongest Canadian team in recent memory. All have hopes to win a medal at the Olympics. Their spirits should soar because of a simple truth a reality show revealed. Canada has found its way back to loving figure skating.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Flames take a beating

NHL RESULTS

Blackhawks 7 Flames 1





Kris Versteea scored twice Thursday night as the Chicago Blackhawks cruised to their fifth straight victory with a 7-1 rout of the Calgary Flames.

In the battle between two hot teams that entered the night with identical records, the game was decided in the second when Chicago scored five unanswered goals after Olli Jokinen's goal 14 seconds into the period temporarily got the Flames back to even at 1-1.

On the man advantage, Versteeg deflected Brent Seabrook's slapshot past



Chicago Blackhawk Colin Fraser fights with Calgary Flame Eric Nystrom on Thursday.

Miikka Kiprusoff at 2:01 giving Chicago a 2-1 lead. Calgary (12-6-2) drops both games on a short

homestand that came on the heels of a successful road trip in which they had picked up five of six

points. Calgary plays next in Los Angeles on Satur-

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'We're 1-0 in the post-season and they're 0-0'

CFL PREVIEW

Stampeders at Roughriders







The Calgary Stampeders are a confident bunch heading into the CFL's West Division final against the Saskatchewan Roughriders.

After losing the final game of the regular season 30-14 to Saskatchewan in Regina on Nov. 7, Calgary re-bounded the following weekend at home to defeat the Edmonton Eskimos 24-21 in the conference semifinal

Now, the Stamps have confidence that they can make a return trip to Mosaic Stadium on Sunday (TSN, 2:30 p.m.) and come away with a victory.

"All I know is that we're 1-0 in the post-season and they're 0-0," said Stampeders linebacker Tim Johnson, while downplaying the fact that the Stamps went 0-2-1 against the Riders in the regular season. "Nothing matters what happened prior to now. Ask Hamilton "

Johnson was referring to the fact that the Tiger-Cats finished second in the East before losing at home 34-27 in overtime to the B.C. Lions, who advanced to play in the East final on Sunday against the Montreal Alouettes.

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Mayweather to fight Pacquiao?

Bob Arum of promoter Top Rank said Thursday he's ready to negotiate a showdown between Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Manny Pacquiao. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Clash of personalities

BARRETT HOOPER for Metro Canada

There are plenty of reasons to tune in to Sat-urday's UFC 106 main

event but the fight itself, a rematch between Tito Ortiz and Forrest Griffin, is almost an afterthought. It's not as though fans have been clamouring for the two former light-heavy-

weight champs to settle some UFC-fabricated that's lingered grudge Ortiz won a split decision three years ago. In fact, Griffin is a pinch-hitter for an injured Mark Coleman and the original main event was actually a heavyweight title fight between champ Brock

Lesnar and Shane Carwin, which was cancelled when

Lesnar became ill. That doesn't mean the fight isn't without drama. It's as much about a clash of personalities as it is fighting styles. Ortiz is a cocky loud-mouth who hasn't fought in 18 months, in part due to back surgery but mostly because he and one-time close friend UFC president Dana



Former light-heavyweight champion Tito Ortiz, left, and Forrest Griffin face off Thursday at a Las Vegas news conference.

White hated each other's guts.

While Ortiz is one of MMA's most disliked fighters, Griffin is one of its most popular, in large part because he won the first season of The Ultimate Fighter reality series. But the last time we saw Griffin he was sprinting from the octagon in embarrassment after getting knocked out by Anderson Silva at UFC 101.

Hopefully, the fight be-tween Ortiz the wrestler and Griffin the striker lives up to the buildup.





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A Moon to swoon

The Twilight Saga: **New Moon**

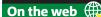
Director: Chris Weitz Stars: Robert Pattinson, Taylor Lautner, Kristen Stewart **Classification: STC** Rating: ###

CHRIS ALEXANDER for Metro Canada



Nevertheless, Chris Weitz's eagerly anticipated Hardwicke's blockbuster vampire epic Twilight isn't half bad: It's a faithful, swoony, sweaty palmed teen-centric fantasy circus that knows exactly what its fervent fanbase demands and delivers those goods by the coffin load.

New Moon (based on the



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same named novel by series founder Stephenie Meyer) picks up shortly after the dramatic events of Twilight left off, with mortal highschool misfit Bella (Kristen Stewart) going steady with hunky vampire Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) dangers be damned.

But when a cut finger awakens the bloodlust in the Cullen clan, Edward flees, leaving his human muse to the affections of über-buff werewolf Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) resulting in more heartache and PG-level horror.

New Moon isn't Shakespeare by any stretch (though Romeo and Juliet does figure rather heavy handedly into the narrative) but it is commendably hardcore in its single-minded drive to please its mostly fe-



From left, Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner star in The Twilight Saga: New Moor

male audience.

It's positively filled to the bursting point with doeeyed romance, heavy pet-ting, dreamy dialogue and shirtless werewolves (at the screening I attended, a chorus of young women sighed in unison every time Lautner doffed his duds, which was often).

But even if a supernatural soap opera isn't your thing, New Moon contains some dazzling imagery and action sequences that are simply beautiful to behold. An extended set piece involving Bella, her vampiric nemesis Victoria (Rachelle Lefevre), and a heroic werewolf is driven by the hypnotic rhythm of Radiohead; its fluid CGI trickery and mild ferocity absolutely spellbinding in their design.

Same goes for the pulpy climax, where real deal ac-Michael Sheen (Frost/Nixon) and Dakota Fanning (War of the Worlds) embody designer evil as the

leaders of the dreaded Volturi.

If New Moon has any real flaws, they're certainly no fault of the filmmakers. Meyer's novel was ultimately a bridge, the mid chapter of a quartet that serves to set up the sting of Eclipse (the film version of which is currently in post-production) and the climax of Breaking Dawn. But New Moon is effective and it not only honours its source, it also does what the first film

couldn't quite achieve: It etches out an identity of its

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Iaqwacore: a punk Islam riot of their own

Tagwacore: The Birth of Punk Islam

Director: Omar Majeed Classification: STC Rating: 🕮 🕮 🌿

IAN GORMELY for Metro Canada

REVIEW Inspired by the similarly named book, Taqwacore presents the marriage of two seemingly disparate and misunderstood cultures: Islam and punk

The film is essentially two movies tied together by the overall goal of showcasing how the two cultures can co-exist. The first half follows The Tagwacore author and movement guru Michael Muhammad Knight and a bus load of Muslim-American and Muslim-Canadian punk rockers with band names like The Kominas and song titles like "Sharia Law in the U.S.A." as they tour across the country.

The tour itself is pretty standard for what amounts to a bus load of misfits playing loud music. But it's at the open mic night of North America's largest gathering of Muslims where they run into their

harshest critics. The all-girl Secret Trial Five from Vancouver cause a near riot of young Muslims upset with the idea of a woman singing. The film then switches

gears, following Knight to Pakistan where he reunites with members of The Kominas. While trying to reconnect with the spiritual aspect of Islam he had long ago abandoned, Knight and his friends try and connect their music with Pakistani Muslims. After a series of disappointing gigs with other groups, they decide to put on their own DIY show on a local rooftop.

Director Omar Majeed does a good job establishing that though all the band members are Muslim, their music is not preaching Islam. Rather, they're using references to their culture while projecting the youth rage for which punk is known.

But the film loses focus as it follows Knight to Pakistan. There it shifts focus from a film about a youth movement to Knight's own personal journey. And while that's certainly a valid narrative on its own, in the context of the film's first half, it feels off topic and slightly confusing.



A scene from the documentary Taqwacore.



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More like the boring Side

The Blind Side

Director: John Lee Hancock
Stars: Sandra Bullock, Quinton
Aaron

Classification: STC Rating: @@1/2

NED EHRBAR Metro World News



About what feels like it should be three quarters of the way through The Blind Side, massive, mild-mannered football phenomenon Michael Oher (Quinton Aaron) finally takes the field in the movie's only showcase of the high school football it spends a fair amount of time discussing.

(It's not until the movie

(It's not until the movie finally ends that you realize that sequence was more like halfway through.)

It's an exciting scene, filled with enough tension and emotion to make even the football-phobic sit up

and take notice.
But that's just one scene.

After that, it's back to the tale of Oher being adopted by Leigh Anne (Sandra Bullock) and Sean Touhy (Tim McGraw), wealthy, white parents who open their home to poor, black Oher after he's granted a free ride to their biological children's private school.

The problem is, for all the built-in drama of the true story with a very happy ending (Oher was drafted to the Baltimore Ravens, playing his first season with the team this year), the end product is long, boring and entirely too self-congratulatory on the adoptive parents' part.

After watching Aaron's portrayal of Oher — completely accurate, by all accounts — what would be remarkable is anyone not wanting to help such a kind, lovable young man once they've met him.

Newcomer Aaron does a

commendable job with what little he's given to work with, doing his best to showcase a young man determined not to let the shortcomings of the hand he was dealt stop him from being a good person.

But, his role is mostly reduced to a prop for Bullock's Leigh Anne, a gaudy, scenery-chewing spitfire of

a woman.

After watching her stomp around for 126 minutes lecturing everyone around her in an ever-shifting accent, a nice game of football would be very welcome.

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Quinton Aaron, centre, and Sandra Bullock star in The Blind Side.



A scene from Collapse.

Collapse a look at doomsday prophet

Collapse

Director: Chris Smith
Classification: STC
Rating: ***

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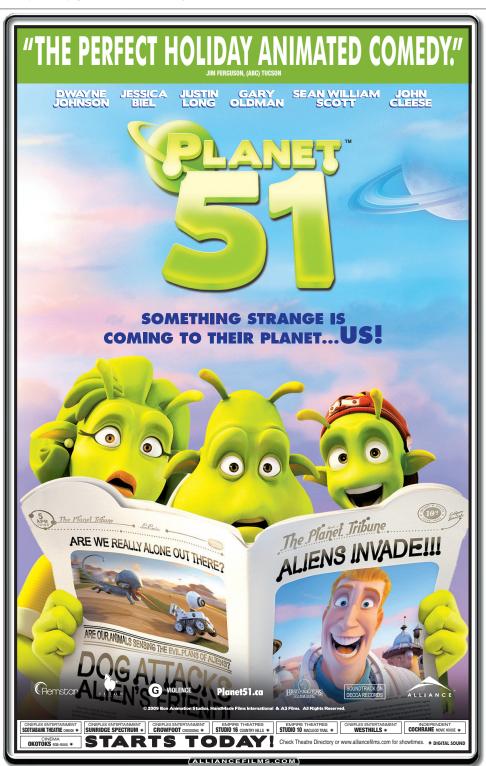
REVIEW Although it would seem to fit snugly within the recent cycle of sky-isfalling documentaries (An Inconvenient Truth, The End of the Line) and features (The Road), Chris Smith's Collapse distinguishes itself by focusing more intently on Chicken Little.

Its subject, Michael C. Ruppert, is a former LAPD officer turned whisteblower-cum-conspiracy-theorist peddling an apocalypsesoon spiel to all corners of the blogosphere.

To summarize his position, everything that's happened in the United States in the past 30 years or so

can be viewed as a harbinger of total, unified doom, and to be sure, much of Collapse's fascination derives from the urgency and terse eloquence of Ruppert's contemporary Nostradamus act. At times, he manages to make associations and links between events that could give even a skeptical viewer pause.

But Smith isn't simply crafting a showcase: the film's intense visual focus and marked lack of other, contrary voices subtly indicate that Collapse is also a film about the causes and effects of extreme and obsessive solipsism. In this way, it becomes an intriguing companion piece to the director's earlier American Movie, which also managed to indulge an eccentric, blinkered subject (in that film, a wannabe horror-auteur with delusions of genre grandeur) while maintaining a distinct sense of distance.



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Baz Luhrmann has been honoured in his native Australia for his contribution to the country's film industry. The Moulin Rouge moviemaker was handed the Living Legend trophy at the Inside Film Awards on Tuesday night. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

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Overnight stars don't have it easy



ast year Gabby Sidibe was a fullpsychology student and part-.time customer

representative. service This year she's likely to be an Academy Award nomi-

Her breakout role in Precious has made her the very definition of an overnight star.

"I'm just a girl from Harlem who ended up in the right place at the right time," she says.

Director Lee Daniels saw 400 other girls for role of the illiterate teen, but despite Sidibe's "absolute belief that I wasn't going to get it" she became the latto make the leap from obscurity to the pages of Entertainment Weekly.

Sidibe is enjoying the ride, making the rounds of talk shows and walking red carpets, but not every new star adjusts to fame as

Jean Seberg is best remembered for the tabloid aspects of her life — the FBI investigation into her Black Panthers connection and multiple suicide attempts — but she was a great actress whose legacy includes Jean-Luc Godard's classic Breathless.
Like Sidibe, Seberg was

catapulted to stardom by beating out 18,000 other hopefuls to win the lead in a film, but unlike the Precious star, Seberg had a rocky ride. During the filming of 1957's Saint Joan she was literally lit on fire during one scene and later, when the film flopped, took the brunt of the blame. Seberg killed herself in 1979.



Gabby Sidibe has become a sensation following her breakout role in Precious.

Australian model George Lazenby surprised every-one when he replaced Sean Connery in the Bond series, starring in 1968's On Her Majesty's Secret

Service. "When I became famous didn't know how to handle it," he said, "so it almost drove me crazy." He quit (or was fired, depending on who you ask) after just one turn as Bond, a move he's regretted ever since. "Without any doubt I should have gone back to do at least one more."

"I'm just a girl from Harlem who ended up in the right place at the right time."

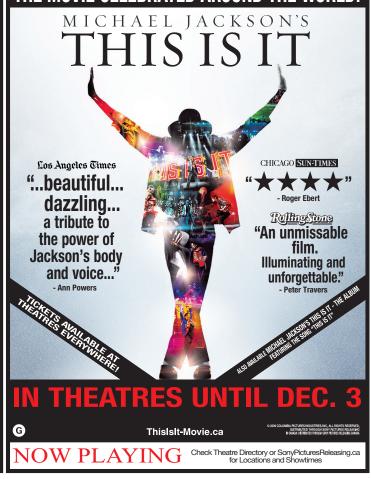
Gabby Sidibe

Lazenby has become a benchmark on how not to manage a career, but even George seems successful compared to the stars of Zabriskie Point, a 1970 film that turned unknowns Daria Halprin and Mark Frechette knowns — for a short time anyway. Halprin only made one more film and Frechette died five years later in prison.

If these cautionary tales of sudden fame weigh on Gabby's mind, she's not letting on. "I just want to do things that make me happy," she says. "I just want to go as far as I can."

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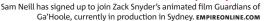


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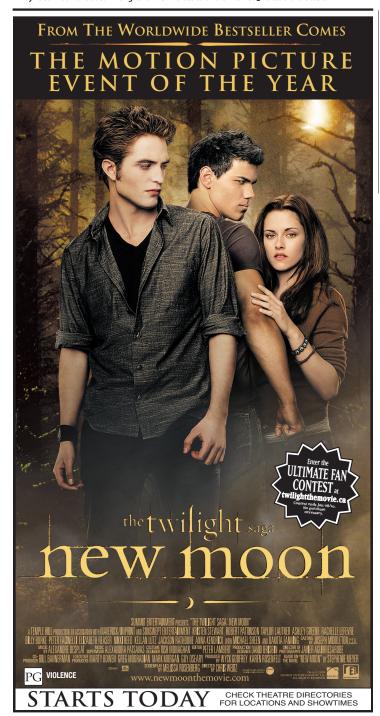
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Dwayne Johnson and Justin Long lend their voices to two of Planet 51's lead characters



Weak storyline mars Planet 51

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Director: Jorge Blanco, Javier Abad, Marcos Martinez Stars: Dwayne Johnson, Justin

Classification: STC Rating: 🕮

NED EHRBAR Metro World News

Planet 51, the latest in this year's long line of comput-er-animated movies, suffers from its own false advertising.

The trailers, commercials and posters popping up over the past month have alluded to a novel tale about a U.S. astronaut (voiced by Dwayne Johnson) landing on a new planet and being greeted as a hideous alien monster by the little green men who inhabit it.

That story is in the film,

to be sure, but it's in no way the focus.

Instead, Planet 51 focuses on the little green men, particularly, a plucky but confidence-deficient teen named Lem (voiced by the ubiquitous Justin Long), who is awkward but well-intentioned and has trouble vertical trial being for the control of the c balizing his affections for his comely neighbour, Neera (Jessica Biel).

The alien astronaut is reduced to a mere device to push Lem out of his comfort zone, boost his confidence and teach him all the lessons he obviously has to learn. It's a story we've seen countless times before.

The first feature from Spain's Ilion Animation, Planet 51 is visually fantastic, the animation a new benchmark for the genre. It's just a shame the story can't match up. The primary conceit of the film's

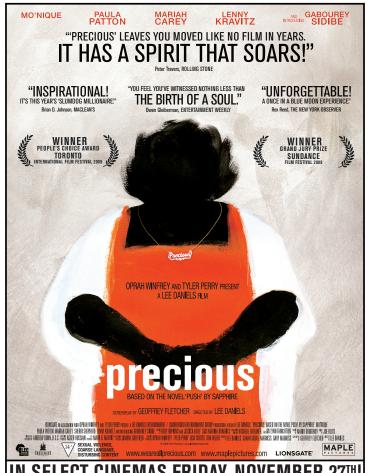
much resembles America in the 1950s — or a least a reductionist, caricature view of America in the 1950s.

Except the filmmakers can't even keep their decades straight, as all the bobby socks and Father Knows Best sensibility coexist with some very 1960s hippie activists.

The panic over the perceived invasion naturally leads to a bucketload of homages to 1950s B-movies. Only, those movies were referenced and lampoons to much greater effect already in last Spring's Monsters vs. Aliens.

The only difference here is the role reversal, which needs a lot more meat behind it to sustain a whole feature film.

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Music

Hedley harps on false Idols | TCV running with

New album, The Show Must Go On, pokes fun at Hoggard's past

BRYAN BORZYKOWSKI for Metro Canada

In Hedley's early days, lead singer Jacob Hoggard spent a lot of energy trying to make people for-

on Canadian Idol. "There was a period where we worked as hard as we could to separate ourselves from the show,' he savs.

get that he ever appeared

So it's a bit surprising that he'd revisit his Idol past on his new album, The Show Must Go On.
The track, Cha-Ching,

pokes fun of all the major reality TV shows, from Survivor to the Biggest Loser.

But he saves some of the better barbs for himself -"Line up all the idols, who paint on phony smiles, tryin' to ride the fast track for free," he sings. In the video he dresses

up in a blue spandex outfit it's a similar getup to what he wore during an Idol episode — and sings in front of three judges.

"It was time to bring it up and remind everyone of how lightly we take this," says Hoggard, explaining why he chose to make fun the very thing that made him famous.

"This isn't some weird topic you shouldn't bring

Hoggard adds that now was the perfect time to



Jacob Hoggard says now is the perfect time to address his time on American Idol.

sing about his reality TV days. For one, the genre is far more outlandish than when he was vying for his 15 minutes, and after two albums that have

platinum, the singer's not Hedley's defined by Idol new album is anymore, even though it remains a piece of their

in stores identity. now 'We could get away with it because it's still a part of who we are," he says. "Plus, it's a commentary on how far people are

willing to go in 2009. The band has come a long way since Hoggard was on TV, but Hedley's new disc takes the band in a completely new direc-

For the most part, the band trades their power punk edge for sunnier mid-tem-

> po pop. Cha-Ching could be a track off a Smash Mouth album: Hands Up sounds a lot like an Aero-

smith tune. There are more introspective moments Sweater Song (not a Weeza soft and er cover) is touching finger-picked number

It's the best and most interesting track here.

"It's different and has a very unconventional pop song structure," says Hoggard about the tune.

The new sound is makes the singer a littler nervous, though he's always apprehensive around release dates.

But it's likely the disc will do well, so he doesn't have to worry about falling back on a reality television career. But if he had to choose one show to be on it might be his favourite program: Wife Swap.

The British version," he

"They get to smoke all the time

their momentum

• You can hear the whole

interview at

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he world HQ for Crooked Them Vultures hides in plain sight: anonymous building on an ordinary street in Burbank

This is Pink Duck Studios, Josh

Homme's playground, a stu- Want more? where Queens of the Stone Age and Eagles of Death Metal albums take shape and

also where he worked on the material he produced for the Arctic Monkeys' Humbug album.

I have a half-hour audience with all three members before band practice. Josh takes his seat in the main control room chair.

Dave Grohl flops face down into some pillows on the sectional next to me.

Meanwhile, John Paul Jones — the quiet one in Led Zeppelin — is true to form, content to let his bandmates do all the kibitzing as he eases into the chair he's brought from

He sets himself up between the two. "This is my spot," he says.

Although the idea of TCV first surfaced years ago, it only became reality this past January when JPJ suddenly found himself with some free time.

"I'd spent quite a few months rehearsing with Jimmy (Page) and Jason (Bonham) trying to form a new band that wasn't going to be called Led Zeppe-' says JPJ, "and it was just coming to an end

when Dave mentioned this idea."

chimes in. "I wanted to be musical and be home

Dave

the same time. The last thing I wanted to do was start another band and go back out on the road. I thought we could just play in the studio and make something good. I honestly didn't imagine we'd be doing this."

But now that they've started something, how far can they take this?

A big grin spreads across Grohl's face

"As far as it will go."

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NBC announced it will broadcast the 62nd annual Primetime Emmy Awards in August 2010, instead of mid-September, as it usually does, in order to avoid scheduling conflicts with Sunday Night Football. TVGUIDE.COM

Television

Top dancer hits the road for Canadian tour

IAN JOHNSTON for Metro Canada

Since winning top honours on So You Think You Can Dance-Canada in October, Tara-Jean Popowich has been on quite a wild ride. Though not in her own car.

"I've been so busy. My new car is still just sitting in my drive way at home, teasing me," says Popowich, who won the car and \$100,000, along with the title of SYTYCD-Canada's top dancer. "But it's good. I'm having fun. So don't wake me up or it'll all be gone. I'm doing what I love."

For the Lethbridge, Alberta-native, doing what she loves includes an 18-city, SYTYCD cross-country tour. Kicking off in Kelowna, B.C. on Wednesday, the

SYTYCD news

• Two hoofers from So You Think You Can Dance Canada will perform with Janet Jackson at this Sunday's American Music Awards. Nico Archambault and Natalli Reznik will open the show.

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"I've been so busy. I'm having fun ... I want to continue to teach dance and perform. You know, dance as long as I can. Dance 'til the body finally falls apart."

Tara-Jean Popowich

production will feature the top ten finalists from the second season. "It's going to feature all the season faves, plus some new choreography. It's very exciting and entertaining."

Popowich, 20, admits there's one stop on the tour she's particularly excited about – the one in her hometown on Nov. 29. "And it's the day after my birthday," she says. "I've got about a thousand requests for tickets in the front row. [We're] going to have the whole town there."

Popowich has found a little spare time to put a dent in that prize money. She paid off her mother's mortgage, helped out on her brother's tuition, and bought herself a computer.

"I invested the rest of it, so it's a bit like I'm still living like I never won."

And her future?
Popowich's longterm
plans call for dancing and
more dancing. "I want to
continue to teach dance
and perform. You know,
dance as long as I can.
Dance 'til the body finally
falls apart."

With auditions already starting for the third season of SYTYCD-Canada, Popowich has some SYTYCD tour dates

• The SYTYCD-Canada tour begins Wednesday in Kelowna, B.C. Stops include Edmonton (Nov. 30), Toronto (Dec. 10), Montreal (Dec.15), and Halifax (Dec. 22).

straightforward advice for those seeking her crown. "Don't think of it as a competition. "And stay confident. The judges will pick up on that."





Tara-Jean Popowich, winner of So You Think You Can Dance Canada season two, is taking her talents on the road this month.

Ricardo Bomba to appear on Simpsons next year

TELEVISION Ladies' man Ricardo Bomba is bringing his charms to The Simpsons, and it's all the doing of a hospital operations manager with a vivid imagination.

Peggy Black, 52, of Orange, Conn., won a contest to create a character for Fox's long-running animated series, with her entry triumphing among the more than 25,000 received.

"Rrrri-carrr-do Bomba. He's someone that all the women love and all the men want to be," Black said. Bomba will be introduced in the Jan. 31 episode, featuring guest star Chris Martin of Coldplay. The episode had been mostly completed, with a spot reserved for

the contest character.

In Million Dollar Maybe — an episode that centres on a winning lottery ticket — Homer Simpson is rushing to meet Marge for a date when he encounters Bomba. It's possible Bomba could appear again, said executive producer Al Jean, who helped judge the contest. He described the contest, part of the show's 20th anniversary celebrations, as a thankyou to loyal fans.

Bomba, a handsome, smooth-talking South American nicknamed "La Bomba," works at the town's nuclear power plant by day and "by night, works Springfield's singles scene," as Fox describes him.

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Director offers rare view inside publicity machine

The publicity for a Hollywood movie is a machine to behold, especially from the inside.

It's a view rarely offered, but Jason Reitman, the director of Juno and Thank You for Smoking, has done just that, documenting the process of promoting his new film, Up in the Air, over the past two months.

He has taken photos of the journalists who interviewed him, the hotel drink carts that have surrounded him, and the Starbucks cups littered about him.

He has also recorded the most frequent questions he's been asked, and organized the data in a pie chart. The biggest chunk: "What's it like working with George Clooney?"

Up in the Air, which will be released Dec. 4, stars Clooney as a perpetually jet-set traveller who relishes airports as quasihomes while he traverses the country as a contractor hired to fire people. At press junkets, cast members and filmmakers are holed up in a hotel and give dozens of interviews, most timed to the minute. Reitman, 32, noticed some trends in the interviews.

In Chicago, more people asked him about his father, Ivan Reitman, the famous comedy director (Ghostbusters, Stripes). In New York, many asked him about the book by Walter Kirn that Up in the Air is based on. In Europe, everyone wanted to know about the economy (a subject in the film) and President Barack Obama.

"By keeping track of these questions, I realized that not only did I know what questions the reporters were going to ask, but the reporters often knew what answers I was going to give," he says.

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Sarah Palin's appearance on The Oprah Winfrey Show Monday earned an 8.7 household rating and a 13 share, the talk show queen's highest ratings since interviewing the Osmonds in 2007, according to The Hollywood Reporter. TVGUIDE.COM

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Television

New series shines spotlight on Steeltown

Sexy Canadian show Cra\$h & Burn tackles seedy side of insurance business

It doesn't happen too often, but Hamilton actually gets to play itself in the new Showcase series Cra\$h & Burn.

'It's rather unapologetically Hamilton," says actress Caroline Cave, who company lawyer Catherine Scott in the ensemble show about the ruthless insurance game. "It really gives Hamilton a personality, which it al-ways had, but maybe it doesn't get a chance to show all the time."

The series, created by Malcolm MacRury (ZOS: Zone of Separation), and starring Luke Kirby (Slings and Arrows), has a lot of unique aspects beyond its backdrop. First, it's a show about the world of insurance, which immediately raises the question: Who wants to watch that? Most

folks probably want to avoid the topic of insurance altogether.

But, as portrayed in Cra\$h & Burn, a day in the life of insurance adjuster Jimmy Burn (Kirby) can get pretty exciting. It involves not only shifty clients, but also crooked lawyers and the Russian mob.

Back at the office, there's also a tote board that keeps a running score on who's been fired — and who's about to be. Add some sex and comedy, and it's quite a dramatic stew.

"It's not really a comedy or a drama," explains Cave. "Malcolm is always throwing the unexpected at us, and the characters are complex. Although her character comes off rather cold in the premiere

episode. thing is what it seems.

"She's very unapologetic about her sexuality and how she lives and works," says Cave.

Cra\$h & Burn airs Wednesdays on Showcase.

Caroline Cave stars in the new series Cra\$h & Burn, set in Hamilton. Ont.

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A powerful voice in the AIDS fight

Eurythmics singer Annie Lennox lends her support to help infected African kids

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ELISABETH BRAW Metro World News



Whose fault is it?

No woman does short hair or electropop better than Annie Lennox.

The Scottish singer has been an icon since shooting to fame with the Eurythmics two decades ago. The "Greatest White Soul Singer Alive" won a 2004 Academy Award for

best original song.

This year she released

The Annie Lennox Collection. But these days, Lennox's heart belongs less to Billboard charts and more to dying children. She campaigns on behalf of African children infected with AIDS. She talked exclusively with Metro.

After more than two decades of awareness campaigns, why are so many African children dying of

If you have money, then you can arma, get access to medical care and treatment But if you are poor it's a very different story, especially as health care systems in most African countries are completely inefficient and understaffed. On top of that, many people still don't really understand how people get infected by HIV.



Apart from warfare and natural disasters such as floods or droughts, very often chronic poverty has been caused by the fact that in the 20th and 21st century, lea-

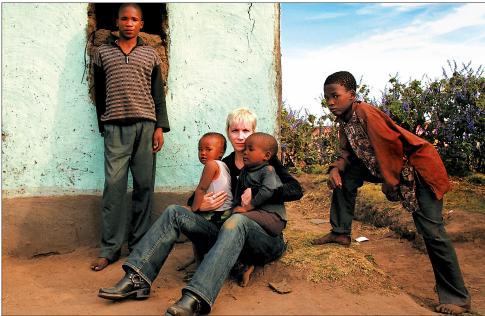
ders, governments and economic systems have not ser-

ved the people well. Up till now, there has not been the necessary will to create essential change, so

that when people are born into poverty, they're stuck

What's your reaction when South African politicians suggest AIDS can be cured with traditional medici-

During Tabo Mbeki's rule as president of South Africa, his health minister, Manto Tshabalala-Msimang, advocated that AIDS could be treated with vitamins, garlic, lemon juice, beetroot and olive oil. It's shocking to think that a person in such an important position could take a stand like this. Many African people often mistrust Western medicine, and in any case it's not available or affordable to them, so they go to traditional healers. I would like people to have the opportunity to access medicine if



Annie Lennox, pictured with children in Africa. The Eurythmics frontwoman is campaigning on behalf of those infected with AIDS.



they need it. It should be a personal decision, but many millions of people don't even have that option.

gest passion?

How did AIDS among children become your big-

I performed for the

launch of Nelson Mandela's HIV/AIDS campaign in 2003. and afterward all the artists were invited to join him on Robben Island, where he had been imprisoned. Mandela described the HIV/AIDS pandemic as a "genocide" that was wiping out millions of lives, including women and children. That was the

Annie facts

- Name: Annie Lennox
- Age: 54
- Background: Member of the successful duo Eurythimcs; subsequent solo career has earned her a Golden Globe and an Academy Award
- Family: Two teenage daughters In the news: Passionate advocate on behalf of AIDSinfected children in Africa. Website: annielennox sina.com

point when I sat up and real-

ly paid attention. Because we live in a celebrity-fixated culture, the deaths of millions of people through AIDS rarely hits the headlines. ...I felt that it is something I couldn't walk away from.

What can children in other countries do to help?

I think the first step is to find out what HIV/AIDS is, how it's transmitted, and how it affects people's lives. That way you educate yourself and understand the difference between sharing a cup and sharing a needle!



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Going Out

Metro's **7**th **Heaven:** Metro taps what's hot right now

Assassin's Creed II GAME Immerse yourself in Renaissance-era Italy for some art — the art of killing. that is. Montreal-based Ubisoft's latest title revolves around an Italian nobleman-turned-assassin seeking revenge for the death of his father and brothers. Plenty of violence and thrills follow but one of the biggest attractions of the game are characters based on historical figures such as Leonardo da Vinci and Lorenzo di Medici

New Moon FILM For those (and there are millions of them if advance ticket sales are any indicators) who get dizzy at the sight of vampires and werewolves professing puppy love to one human hottie, opening day of the Twilight sequel is Christmas, New Year's Eve and Valentine's Day rolled into one. For the rest of us. there's still Halloween.

Sarah Palin CELEBRITY On what planet does a vice-president wannabe become regular news fodder? Apparently on the one we live in. The former Alaska governor's latest headline-magnet is her memoir Going Rogue (released Tuesday), which has been sitting atop book charts for month. There are also reports of hundreds of fans lining up outside bookstores to meet Palin on her promotional tour across

GADGET It's here. Finally. This week, Amazon.com announced that the popular e-book reader - which is lighter than the average paperback, less than a centimetre thick and has a 15-centimetre screen - is now available in Canada, about six weeks after it launched internationally in more than 100 other countries. However, the \$300-plus price tag may keep it off of many Christmas wish lists.

Funny People

DVD The trouble with Judd Apatow's first box-office dud is that it's not very funny. That doesn't mean it's not good. Critics and moviegoers were probably turned off by the dearth of mirth but the Knocked Up director trades easy laughs for emotional depth in this twoand-a-half-hour dramedy.



Songs 'N Smiles Sillytown TOY New moms, note this down. This Fisher-Price toy has just been named the top battery-operated toy for 2010 by the Canadian Toy Testing Council. Aimed at babies aged six to 18 months, this multicoloured

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Jon and Kate Plus 8 series finale TV The end is nigh. Come Monday, TLC will pull the plug on the show about the once-happy family that slowly imploded before our eyes. Reports say that the final episode will feature in-depth, but separate interviews from Jon and Kate Gosselin.

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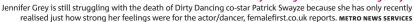
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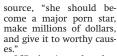
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Trump offers Prejean some free advice

YOU KNOW WHAT THEY SAY **ABOUT KARMA** In her time of crisis, to whom does Carrie Prejean turn? Don-Trump. usmagazine.com reports. De-crowned and allegedly tagged in eight sex tapes, Prejean has been calling

up the mogul for advice.

reports the New York Post. Trump, the owner of The Miss Universe and Miss USA pageants reportedly isn't feeling too sympa-"Mavbe." he told one Post



Of Prejean's conduct during a Larry King Live taping last week — she called King "inappropriate" and threatened to walk off set Trump told Access Hol-

lywood "I thought it was very strange and very sad, actually ... (Pre-jean) is a person who sometimes behave inappropriately. It's a very sad situation."

Through her lawyer, Prejean has refused to comment on the growing sex tape contro-Prejean versv. previously said that the first

sex tape to up was show biggest mistake of my life." METRO NEWS

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for rehab return

BUT SHE SAID NO. NO. NO. Pals of Lindsay Lohan have been begging her to check into rehab for a fourth time, but the Mean Girls star isn't listening, according to OK! Magazine. "She's been on a

Lohan pals beg

downward spiral for months," a source tells the magazine. "We ask, we beg, but she won't lis-ten." метко

and it shows. From

the moment he

walked into her

party, Rihanna lit

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Celebrity tweets

John Mayer is easily confused Katy Perry indulges her sweet tooth, depsite the consequences, and Neil Patrick Harris just makes it look **S** 6 easy.

@johncmay-

Just met Robert Pattinson his wife Cheryl and two children Emily and Jason. They live in Taos, NM. Sweet little family.

• @katyperry Okay, I just ordered the biggest ice cream sunday in history. WHY? Cause it's SUNDAY and it looks RIDICULOUS. my butt is getting big just looking at

@ActuallyNPH Filming dance numbers is taxing!! When watching at home. you forget there were 1,420



Amy's leaky breasts?

MAKE THAT THREE LEAKY "She's fine, she just had **BOOBS** Amy Winehoue has a little leaky something or been hospitalized again, but this time it has nothing to do with drugs. The singer was reportedly admitted to a London hospital earlier this week due to complicapossible tions from he recent of her top." breast augmentation surgery.

other," her dad, Mitch Winehouse, said during his Web show, pointing to his chest. Meanwhile, a source says that Amy "saw something oozing out

Rihanna's walk on the Wilds side?

GO 'HEAD GIRL Rihanna may be dating again, as she was seen spending time with 90210 star Tristan Wilds at a party at her house in Los Angeles and then again at a club in London just two days later, according to Gatecrasher.

"No one knew why Tristan was there initially, because it was not an industry party. It was very intimate," a source says. "But everyone quickly realweren't meeting for the first time, because they were openly affectionate for everyone to see. And, the source adds, everyone seems to approve of the new man: 'He's a real genlikes him a lot,

PISH POSH Victoria Beckham insists she doesn't use fake tan, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The singer-turned designer - who is rarely seen without bronzed skin says her colour is due to living in sunny Los Ange-

Beckham's tan 'all

natural' she claims

She said: "I don't self-tan anymore; it's frustrating when people criticize my colour. It's the colour that I am! I wear sunblock, but I live in a hot climate."

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Hills star Patridge has 'Gleeful' evening

YAWN. OH, SORRY. WHAT DID YOU SAY? The Hills are alive with the sound of Glee? At Thursday's Us Weekly Hot Hollywood party at L.A. hotspot Voyeur, Audrina Patridge only had eyes for a brand-new bad Mark Salling, mohawk-sporting hunk from FOX's new hit show Glee, the magazine re-

Hills

Patridge, 24, and Salling, 27, were joined at the hip for their entire time at the shindig. Sitting at a shared table, the pair spent 45 minutes talking into one another's ear and laughing. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Pitt turned down \$5M to trick-or-treat

FAMILY MAN Brad Pitt was a no-show at a public appearance in the United Arab Emirates on Oct. 31, declining the offer of a \$5 million US appearance fee in order to spend the day trick-or-

treating with Angeli-na Jolie and their six kids, sources sav.

Ferrell 'Most Overpaid': Forbes NOT SO FUNNY Will Ferrell Billy Bob Thornton and Ed-

finds himself at the top of a new Forbes celebrity list, but it isn't exactly an honour. The magazine has named him the most overpaid star, determined calculating how much studios make per dollar paid to Ferrell

After the dismal performance of Land of the Lost, Ferrell's rate of return dropped to \$3.29, putting him ahead of other questionable investments like

Ewan Mc-Gregor,

die Murphy. Meanwhile, Shia LaBeouf was named Best Actor for the Buck,

earning \$160 dios for every dollar spent on

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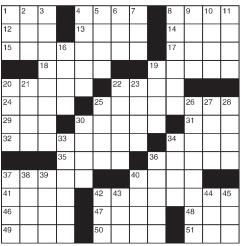




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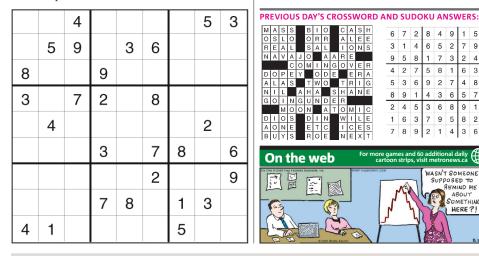


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Sudoku

HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone - one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.



- 1 Pouch 4 Burn somewhat 8 Leading man? 12 Id partner
- 13 Wild and crazy 14 Prom-goers car
- 15 Chevy model 17 Deck in the
- ring 18 "The Amazing
- 19 Poolroom supply 20 Mrs. Archie Bunker
- 22 Brat's stocking stuffer 24 Disencumbers 25 Napoleon, by
- birth 29 Altar affirmative
- 30 Sudden voltage increase 31 Inseparable 32 Fabric with
- 34 Scraps 35 Help a hood 36 Cocktail ingre-

On the web

- dients? 37 Pieces of eight? 40 Existed
- 41 Hide in the shadows
- 42 Worn away 46 Brutus' being 47 Vicinity
- 48 GIs' entertainers 49 Campus bigwig
- 50 Kitten's comment 51 Gas gauge fig.

- 1 Moment 2 In olden days 3 Hall 4 Prague citizen 5 Loathe
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- 8 Acid neutralizer 9 Use an old phone
- 10 nitrate 11 Cattle calls?
- 16 Cisterns
- 19 Contemptible

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- singer who recorded "Thank You" 22 "Woman With a Pearl" painter
- 23 Liberal party? 25 Remedy 26 Abrasive min-
- eral 27 Con
- 28 Egg container 30 Long
- sandwiches 33 Dim the lights
- 34 Layered treat 36 Undomesticated
- 37 Took off 38 Northampton-
- shire river 39 — Major
- 40 Cauldron concoction
- 42 Photog's need 43 Raw rock
- 44 Kreskin's claim

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WASN'T SOMEONE

SUPPOSED TO REMIND ME

ABOUT SOMETHING HERE ?!

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Pears and Tarragon

Pork Fillet with

INGREDIENTS

1 tbsp (15 ml) butter 1 tbsp (15 ml) olive oil 2 ripe pears, quartered, cored and sliced lengthwise

2 shallots, finely chopped 2 pork fillets, thinly sliced 2/3 cup (150 ml) dry white

2 tbsp (25 ml) chopped fresh tarragon 4 tbsp (60 ml) heavy cream

INGREDIENTS

1. Melt half butter with 1/2 tbsp (7 ml) oil in frying pan and fry pears quickly over high heat, turning once, 5 minutes or until golden all over. Remove from pan to warm plate. and cover.

2. Add remaining butter and oil to pan, then stir in chopped shallots and cook over medium heat, stirring occasionally, 3-4 minutes or until softened and golden.

3. Push shallots to one side of pan, add pork slices and fry 5-6 minutes or until lightly browned, turning once.

4. Pour wine into pan, then boil 1-2 minutes to reduce slightly. Stir in tarragon and heavy cream, then boil for further minute. Adjust seasoning to taste. Serve pork slices topped with pears, and sauce spooned over top.

SERVES 4

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ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20 The cosmos is in a state of dynamic flux at the moment but

that does not mean you have to be dynamic too.

LIBRA SEPT 23-OCT 23

Try not to take it personally if a friend or colleague is critical of your efforts. They are not really angry at you — they are angry at the world.

TAURUS

Someone will come to you for advice about a personal issue today and although you don't want to get involved you feel obliged to help them out.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22 No doubt you are desperate to be doing something more excit-ing but don't be so impatient for change that you start a task that

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21 Honesty is a must if you are to resolve an issue that has been dragging on for weeks. That means being honest with others and yourself.

SAGITTARIUS NOV 23-DEC 21

You may have been extra cautious in recent weeks but as from today you can start being a bit more adventurous - but only a bit.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

You tend to believe only what you can see with your own eyes, but today you might won-der if there are things going on in the background.

CAPRICORN

You need to be passionate about what you are doing, especially at work where you appear to have slipped into an easy routine.

JULY 23-AUG 23

LEO

No matter how many great ideas you may have they won't mean a thing unless and until you do something with them.

AQUARIUS JAN 21-FEB 18

The planets in their wisdom say it is time to move on and deep down you know they are right.

VIRGO AUG 24-SEPT 22

In the greater scheme of things there is no such thing as luck, and if you keep that thought in mind you will rediscover the drive that has been lacking.

You will be on the go from dawn to dusk today, and when the stars come out tonight that's when you will really speed up.







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Peanut Butter Shortbread Bars

INGREDIENTS: SHORTBREAD

250 ml (1 cup) unsalted butter, softened 250 ml (1 cup) granulated

sugar 1 egg yolk 2 ml (1/2 tsp) vanilla extract (optional) 500 ml (2 cups) allpurpose flour 5 ml (1 tsp) baking

powder 1 ml (1/4 tsp) salt

125 ml (1/2 cup) smooth peanut butter 125 ml (1/2 cup) icing sug-

30 ml (2 tbsp) unsalted butter, softened 175 ml (3/4 cup) blueberry jam (or grape jelly or strawberry jam for a different flavour)

METHOD:

• In a large bowl, beat butter with sugar and egg yolk using an electric mixer for 2 minutes until light and fluffy. In a separate bowl, blend together flour, baking powder and salt until well combined. • Divide dough into two equal portions and wrap

Metro Recipes of the Day





Perfect for the kids in winter, peanut butter shortbread bars are see on left with the Mocha Tortoni Mousse on right.

tightly in plastic wrap. Freeze dough for 1 to 4 hours.

- Preheat oven to 180 C (350 F). Line a 3-l (9-by-13-inch) baking dish with parchment paper; set aside.
- Remove dough from freezer. Shred dough using a coarse grater or food processor fitted with a metal shredding blade; return one portion of shred-

ded dough to the freezer.

- Arrange remaining dough in an even layer in the prepared baking dish; lightly pat dough down.
 Bake for 20 minutes or until lightly golden around edges; let cool for 20 minutes.
- Meanwhile, blend peanut butter with icing sugar and butter until smooth and well combined. Spread peanut

butter mixture over shortbread base in an even layer. Drop spoonfuls of jam over peanut butter and gently spread in an even layer. • Remove remaining

• Remove remaining dough from freezer and scatter over jam layer. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes or until the top is set and lightly golden brown. Transfer pan to a wire rack and cool completely;

cut into bars.
MAKES 24 BARS.

Mocha Tortoni Mousse

INGREDIENTS: 2 large egg whites 30 ml (2 tbsp) instant coffee Pinch salt 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar 500 ml (2 cups) whipping cream 10 ml (2 tsp) vanilla 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar 50 ml (1/4 cup) slivered almonds, toasted and cooled, plus extra for garnish 60 g (2 oz) bittersweet

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chocolate, grated TO ROAST NUTS: Roast in a single layer on a baking sheet in a 180 C (350 F) oven for about 10 minutes. Allow them to get light brown, remove and cool.

METHOD:

- In a clean medium bowl, beat egg whites until foamy. Add instant coffee and salt and beat until combined. Gradually add 50 ml (1/4 cup) sugar and beat until soft peaks form
- In a separate bowl, whip cream until soft peaks form. Beat in vanilla and 125 ml (1/2 cup) sugar. Fold in 50 ml (1/4 cup) slivered almonds and transfer to a large glass bowl or individual glasses and freeze at least 2 hours.
- Garnish with remaining slivered almonds and grated chocolate.

 MAKES 8 TO 10 SERVINGS.

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